

Options for debris removal on farms:

FSA Reimbursement

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has instituted the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to allow farm operators to be reimbursed for the cost of debris removal and repair of fences due to damage from the recent tornados. Operators should contact their local FSA office to apply for this program. Generally the office will either visit the site or ask the operator to document the damage with photographs prior to clean up. A fact sheet detailing the program is available for viewing at the following link;

http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/ecp1206.pdf.

For contact information to your local FSA office use the following link;

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=nc&agency=fsa>

Department of Correction - Inmate Labor

Farm operators can contact their county Extension agent and/or county Emergency Manager to ask that a resource request be submitted to North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) for prison labor to remove debris from fields to allow normal cultural practices to resume. The owner/operator will need to sign a Right of Entry Agreement Waiver which will be provided by NCEM or the county Emergency Management office.

For contact information to your local Cooperative Extension please use the following link;

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/index.php?page=countycenters>